Claims

I claim:

1. A method for facilitating access to messages comprising:

storing the message in a database;

associating the message with at least one intended recipient by at least one identifier;

notifying the intended recipient of the message for said recipient which is stored in the database;

providing a web site for the recipient to view the message;

authenticating the recipient using a second identifier;

searching the database to find messages associated with the recipient by matching said at least one identifier; and

displaying the messages associated with the recipient.

- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said first identifier is an account number.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said second identifier is a combination of a user identification and a password.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said second identifier is a biometric identification system.
 - 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said message comprises:

a message portion; and

an attachment file in a format that is different from said message portion.

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- 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising encrypting said site to view messages using an encryption method.
 - 7. The method of claim 6 wherein said encryption method is SSL.
- 8. A message database comprising a first message associated with a first identifier and a second identifier, wherein said first identifier is associated with a first user and said second identifier is associated with a second user.

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